



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 30, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Airport Department

SUBJECT: Contract For Revisions To Guidelines For Assessment Of Archaeological Resources At Santa Barbara Airport

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve and authorize the Airport Director to execute a contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, with Applied Earthworks to complete revisions to the Santa Barbara Airport Guidelines for Assessment of Archaeological Resources (Guidelines) in an amount not to exceed \$19,454 and authorize the Airport Director to approve expenditures up to \$2,500 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

DISCUSSION:

In December 2004, the City of Santa Barbara executed Contract No. 21,575 with Applied Earthworks for preparation of Guidelines update for archaeological resources. The objectives of the update were to: 1) incorporate data from a number of site-specific archaeological investigations prepared since the original 1993 Airport Phase I Archaeological Report; and 2) update the Airport's archaeological resource guidelines consistent with the City Master Environmental Assessment (MEA) guidelines adopted in 2002.

Incorporation of the additional analyses completed in recent years significantly expands on the 1993 data and further refines the Airport's archaeological sensitivity zones. Refinement of the sensitivity zones will in turn reduce the number of pre-construction archaeological investigations that will need to be undertaken by the Airport in the future.

Work on the update was delayed upon discovery of new, previously undiscovered archaeological resources during construction of the Airfield Safety Projects. Once the issues surrounding those resources were resolved, work on the Guidelines update resumed and Applied Earthworks completed the Guidelines. City Planning staff have reviewed the Guidelines and suggested further revisions to make the document more consistent with the current review process. The original contract of \$41,275 has been expended and this contract would allow Applied Earthworks to make the requested revisions.

CONSULTANT SELECTION:

Applied Earthworks was selected in 2004 to prepare the Airport Guidelines for archaeological resources. This contract would allow them to revise the Guidelines based on the additional comments received.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Funds for this contract are available in the Airport Operations Fund.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This contract will further the City's Sustainable Santa Barbara Program by protecting archaeological resources on Airport property from future disturbance.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office